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Sir:

This is in response to the Interview Summary of August 31, 2005 in the above Application.

Applicants do not concur that the claims in this Application are necessarily rendered obvious by the claims in the cited patent. For example, US patent 6,113,918 discloses a series of compounds of the same general type as those claimed herein. However, the compounds in that patent are limited to those having 7-16 carbon atoms in the secondary acyl chain, whereas certain claims in this application call for those chains to have 6 carbon atoms (claim 57, for example, calls for all three of such chains to have 6 carbon atoms). Applicants submit that those skilled in the art would

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understand that in disclosing compounds having 7-16 carbon atom chains, the inventors of the '918 patent would have disclosed all of the compounds of their type that were expected to have the disclosed utility, and that compounds outside that range would not have been expected to possess such utility, or indeed, any utility.

Applicants also submit that there is no disclosure in the claims of the cited patents that compounds should have combinations of 6- and 10-carbon secondary acyl chains.

However, in order to expedite issuance of a patent in this Application, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to all three patents mentioned in the Interview Summary.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the claims in this Application are allowable and request early issuance of a Notice of Allowance...

If the Examiner believes a further telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned.

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